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EPIDEMIC NOTES.

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PLAGUE.

BRITISH INDIA.—During the week ended May 13, 1899, there were 323 plague deaths in the city of Bombay, as against 319 during the previous week. In the presidency of Bombay the number of plague deaths was 620, as against 587 during the previous week. In the city of Kurrachee the number was 199, as against 181. Outside of the presidency of Bombay the epidemic continues to decline. In the presidency of Madras 10 plague deaths were reported. In Calcutta the cases and deaths were 82 and 62, respectively, as against 83 and 60. In the Province of Bengal 13 cases were reported in the district of Howrah, as against 16 during the previous week. In the Punjab, in the district of Jullunder, the plague cases have declined from 32 to 13. No cases are reported from the central provinces, and in the State of Hyderabad only 1 case was reported. In the Kolar gold district the number of cases fell from 57 to 44; in the city of Mysore, on the contrary, the number has slightly increased, while in the district of Mysore only a few cases have occurred.

According to advices of May 25 the epidemic continues to abate in the city of Kurrachee. During the week ended May 24, 42 cases and 28 deaths were reported. Up to May 25 the total number of cases and deaths was 2,945 and 2,127, respectively.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—Advices of June 6 state the occurrence of 3 deaths from plague in Penang.

CHINA—*Hongkong*.—During the week ended June 3 there were 92 cases and 97 deaths reported.

MAURITIUS.—On May 31 an additional plague death was reported.

CHOLERA.

BRITISH INDIA.—During the two weeks ended May 13, 37 cases and 17 deaths were officially reported. The epidemic is apparently drawing to a close. According to advices of May 25 the disease has spread greatly in Kurrachee, attacking almost exclusively the hut villages to which the Coolies have fled to avoid the plague. The interior of the city and the European quarter are still free from cholera. From May 18 to 22 there were 60, 89, 131, 181, and 183 cases, and up to May 25 a total of 702 cases and 644 deaths was officially reported. Some cases have occurred at the port.

CALCUTTA.—From May 7 to May 13, there were 27 deaths from cholera.